

*The July 24, 2018, meeting opened at 4:08. Present were Marj Wexler (Chair), Corinna Barnard, Emily Eyre, and Pat Konecky.*

**Minutes** of the 6/19/18 meeting were approved.

**Working meeting – clean energy checklist:** Emily had typed up the MassPowerForward checklist items that Egremont has still to work on (attached). Those were discussed, beginning with information on electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, which Emily had researched (her summary is attached). Note the 3 levels and their costs. The Commonwealth offers a grant for Level 2 chargers but requires the Town to purchase at least one EV or hybrid official town vehicle.

We believe that the Co-Op will have an EV charging station at their new store on Bridge St.

**Redeemable bottles and cans:** July 31 will be the last day we collect and redeem. Suggestion: Have Staples create a yard sign urging people to please take their b&c back to the store for redemption.

**Follow-ups:**

- Pat reminded us to phone, by July 31, the conference committee on the renewable [energy] portfolio standard (which tells electric companies what percentage of their sales must come from clean power). The committee has been working to reconcile Senate and House bills. House bill 4738 requires much slower growth in the RPS than the Senate bill, which would have attained a 100% renewable standard by 2047. Call to urge the committee to raise the RPS to a 3% annual rise (as supported by the Senate) instead of the present 1% annual rise.
- Oriana Reilly will attend our 8/28 meeting.

*Meeting adjourned 5:30 pm.*

*Next meeting will be Tuesday, **August 28, 4:00 PM.***

*Submitted by Marj Wexler, Sec'y*